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Hunt & Stay: Tie your hunting plans to recreation areas and state parks

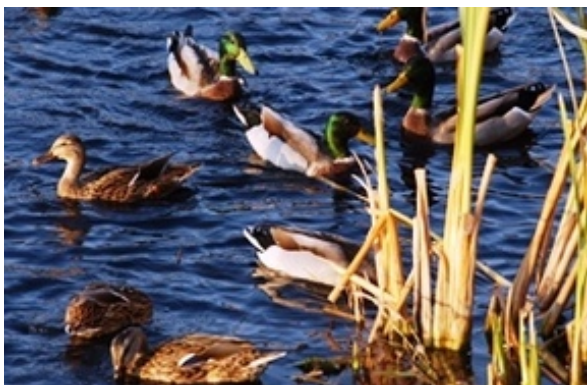
Iowa has [four recreation areas](#) unique from typical state parks because they offer public hunting along with camping. All four areas have significant acreage and plentiful game, without much hunting pressure. Just remember to keep an eye out for nonhunters in the area. Here's some more information to help you plan your hunt:



Brushy Creek Recreation Area

[Brushy Creek](#) in central Iowa near Fort Dodge is Iowa's largest recreation area with 6,000 acres. The diverse landscape offers excellent hunting land for whitetail deer and upland game. The park has 250 campsites.

Check out the [DNR Hunting Atlas](#) for more details.



Wilson Island State Recreation Area

Located on the Missouri River flyway in western Iowa, [Wilson Island](#) offers 550 acres of bottom land habitat for water fowlers and is near Desoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge. The park has two handicap-accessible blinds and 129 campsites.

Check out the [DNR Hunting Atlas](#) for more details.



Volga River State Recreation Area

Northeast Iowa's [Volga River](#) has 5,700 acres of diverse woodland for deer and turkey. An excellent trail system makes Volga accessible for youth and elderly. The park has two campgrounds with 86 campsites.

Get the [public hunting map for Volga River](#).



Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

Just northwest of Cedar Rapids, [Pleasant Creek](#) is known for excellent waterfowl hunting on 1,500 acres, along with prairie habitat for pheasant and deer. The lake has recently been renovated. The campground has 70 sites.

Get the [public hunting map for Pleasant Creek](#).

Or Choose a Cozy Cabin!

State parks offer 19 parks with 90 cabins, several of which are open year-round for a comfortable stay. A few of our picks:

- [Waubonsie State Park](#)
- [Nine Eagles State Park](#)
- [Honey Creek State Park](#) and [Honey Creek Resort State Park](#)



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